

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. TM99-2-119-000]

Young Gas Storage Company, Ltd.;
Notice of Tariff Filing

November 25, 1998.

Take notice that on November 20, 1998, Young Gas Storage Company, Ltd. (Young) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, with an effective date of December 1, 1998:

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 4

Young states it is adjusting the rates for Rate Schedules FS-1 and IS-1 resulting from the currently effective Average Thermal Content of Gas in Storage (ATC) posted on Young's electronic bulletin board on November 11, 1998, pursuant to Section 1.2 of the General Terms and Conditions of this tariff. Further, Young states the combination of the revised ATC, the revised contractual entitlements and the revised storage rates will not change the current customer storage reservation payments under the instant proposal.

Young states that copies of this filing have been served on Young's affected jurisdictional customers and public bodies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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Regional Transmission Organizations,
Notice of Intent To Consult Under
Section 202(a)

November 24, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Consult with State Commissions.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) intends to consult with State commissions for the purpose of affording them a reasonable opportunity to present their views with respect to the Commission's use of authority under section 202(a) of the Federal Power Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426.

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As part of a broader inquiry concerning the Commission's policies on independent system operators (ISOs) and other regional transmission organizations (RTOs) in the electric utility industry,¹ the Commission is considering whether and how to use its authority under section 202(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. § 824a(a) (1994), which was recently delegated to the Commission by the Secretary of Energy.² As a first step in that process, the Commission gives notice of its intent to initiate a consultation process with State commissions pursuant to section 202(a). The purpose of this initial consultation is to afford State commissions a reasonable opportunity to present their views and recommendations with respect to dividing the country into regional districts for development of independent regional transmission organizations.

The Commission intends initially to seek the views and recommendations of State commissions on the issues of what criteria should be used to establish regional boundaries for RTOs, and what should be the appropriate role of States in the formation and governance of RTOs, in the event that the Commission decides to exercise its authority. We will do so through one or more conferences to be held in January or early February 1999. After these conferences, there will be additional consultation, during which the Commission will solicit and consider the views of the States, and others, in a rulemaking or other generic proceeding on RTOs. Among the issues to be examined then will be whether to exercise section 202(a) authority to establish regional boundaries for RTOs.

¹ See Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., 84 FERC ¶ 61,231 at 62,142 (1998), *reh'g pending* (Midwest ISO).

² A copy of section 202(a) is attached to this notice and will also be published in the **Federal Register**.